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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS OF FEB 15-16, MOZAMBIQUE MINISTERS MARIO GRACA MACHUNGO (INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE) AND JOSE LUIS CABACO (TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATITNS) HAVE CONCLUDED A SERIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN FIELDS OF COMMERCE,

FISHING, SHIPPING AND CIVIL AVIATION. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE REVEALED. MACHUNGO AND CABACO HAVE BEEN ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT. TO THE SOVIET UNION SINCE FEB 8 AND ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE THIS WEEK.

- 2. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN MOSCOW, MACHUNGO SAID THAT THE NEW AGREEMENTS WOULD BENEFIT BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND SOVIET UNION AND WOULD ALSO IMPROVE THE SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS.
- 3. COMMENT: AFTER LONG WAIT IN THE WINGS, HGPRM- USSR RELATIONS HAVE FINALLY MOVED OFF CENTER. VISIT OF MACHUNGO AND CABACO REPRESENTS FIRST HIGH-LEVEL MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATIONS TO USSR SINCE INDEPENDENCE. HSIGNATURE OF AGREEMENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN HANGING FIRE SINCE VISIT OF SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION IN APRIL 1975, IS PROBABLY GPRM FRIENDS REWARD FOR SOVIET SUPPORT FOR MPLA. CARSON

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